

GOOD ROADS AND BAD

The agricultural department is giving out valuable good roads statistics.

It is estimated that it costs the farmers \$50,000,000 a year to move their products to the railway stations. The distances to be traversed vary greatly in different sections. The minimum average is four miles, in New Jersey, in Utah 25 miles, and in Wyoming 40 miles. In the southern states, the general average is about 10 miles. It is supposed to cost about 25 cents per ton to transport farm products a mile and it is estimated that two-thirds of the present cost might be saved if good roads were universal. That means an annual saving of over \$60,000,000 a year. Besides, the agricultural department estimates that the value of the farms would be increased to the extent of five billion dollars.

CROWDED CROSSING

The New York World in speaking of the immense crowd that crosses Brooklyn bridge daily, says:

"Careful and continued counting shows that approximately 400,000 persons cross the Brooklyn bridge and pass the Putnam building each day."

"If these people were to stand side by side the line would stretch from New York to Schenectady."

"Standing one on top of the other they would extend 427 miles into space."

"This as the atmosphere goes up for a matter of only 200 miles, they would have to lie on the ground, one's head touching another's feet, and then the string of humanity would reach from New York nearly to Pittsburgh."

THE COMING "FOURTH"

Most of the larger cities of the country are getting ready to protest themselves against the dangerous and joy celebrations of the Fourth of July that has in recent years contributed to making the day one of disorder, confusion and danger rather than a pleasant, enjoyable holiday. The deaths reported last year as directly resulting from explosives amounted to several hundred, while the maimed and injured reached into the thousands. The question now being agitated is whether the nerve-racking noises from bursting crackers and torpedoes shall be prohibited entirely or limited to certain localities. In several cities the authorities have decided to prohibit the sale or use of the "cannon crackers," dynamite torpedoes and other dangerous and deafening devices allowing the use only of the smaller crackers, roman candles, "whisks," etc., from which there is the least danger and which are not likely to produce serious accidents. In Chicago preparations are being made for a new order of things, the fact that over 18,700,000 crackers, torpedoes, roman candles and other explosives had been used there on the fourth of 1903 indicating that some sort of reform had absolutely become necessary.

OFFICE HOLDING

In his address to the Yale law students at New Haven recently Senator Champney M. Dewey gave the young men some advice regarding participation in politics based upon an abundant experience and wide observation. Unlike many politicians and office-holders who assume to advise young men, the senator did not tell the law students to keep out of politics or out of the public service. He did declare, however, that the greatest misfortune that can befall a young man who has only character and education and no capital is to accept office. In elaborating this statement he said:

"No money can be made legitimately in public employment, and, therefore, no competence can be laid up." While disclaiming all intention of discouraging a praiseworthy ambition to serve the community in a position of public trust, Senator Dewey's obvious purpose was to dissuade the young men of any notion they might have that there is money in politics, that money can be honestly made out of public office.

An excellent authority on the situation in Wisconsin says that the democrats will not gain anything by the difference in the republican party. The fact that the democrats first have a majority of 45,000 to overcome and secondly this being a presidential year there will be 100,000 more votes cast than last time, most of which will be republican votes, does not leave much margin for democratic gain even with two republican tickets in the field. The republican majority will in no wise affect the national ticket as both factions have selected the same electors.

THE BIBLE

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, turning his attention from the law a moment, and directing it to the Bible, has done his country and his generation more or less of a service. For we must all know, be we free-thinkers, atheists, or of an orthodox mind, or what not, that religion has been a vital force in the progress of the world, and that, under one form or another it will continue to play its part, and that the finest manifestation of it is the Bible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

During a dull season it is necessary that extra efforts should be put forth by a city to encourage public enterprises.

Tammany says that Parker cannot carry New York even if he is nominated, and Tammany might be known.

New Mexico never whines about losses, but the drought of the past year has hit everybody hard, and every county has suffered.

Every business man in this city should subscribe liberally to the Territorial Fair fund. The money all comes back expositon week.

As a result of his coquetting with democracy, General Miles is losing his prohibition following and is likely to lose all presidential nominations.

According to a recent estimate the value of property within the corporate limits of Los Angeles increased \$20,000,000 in the last twelve months.

Mexico's total public debt is \$430,000,000 in Mexican silver currency, with a population of 13,000,000 in round numbers; say \$33.07 per capita. The best wages paid men in Russia is said to be \$3.50 per week, which is about in some measure for the lack of virility exhibited by the men on the firing line.

Hearst may not get the democratic nomination, but his followers will see to it that arker does not get the empty honor of leading the democrats to defeat.

Kansas is keeping up its erratic reputation as a climatic curio in that border expanse of plains the weather is either too cold or too hot, too wet or too dry.

That Nanaham Hill fight destined down to a three-rate battle. The loss in killed and wounded did not reach five thousand. Grant lost more men than that at Cold Harbor in less than an hour.

The Elks, Red Men and Eagles should unite and help get up a rousing Fourth of July celebration. Col. Borradaile and the national guards will do their part, as will also both bands of the city.

The United States employed 10,555 men in distributing mail last year. The cost, distributed among 1,400 lines, was \$63,590,000. In 273 accidents to mail cars 18 clerks were killed and 78 seriously injured.

The people of New Mexico are well satisfied with Governor Otero and desire that he shall remain as the executive of this great territory. He would make a political mistake if he left the governor's office for any other position.

Successful farming in the lower Rio Grande region of this territory can only be carried on by pumping water from the underflow of the stream. The supply of water in the river for irrigation is becoming more uncertain each year.

It is announced authoritatively by Mr. Hearst's managers that he has not withdrawn from the presidential race. Willie has several millions to spend for the necessary votes at St. Louis, and will try to put it where it will do the most good.

The government of the United States is becoming more and more paternal. The post office department is going to own the newspapers for objectionable advertisements, and if any are found in a paper the sheet will be refused circulation in the mails.

The average age of the Japanese navy is lower than that of any other navy in the world. No one over twenty years old is accepted for enlistment. The average height is five feet four inches—less than the average height of any other navy in the world.

Cananea, Sonora, is planning to celebrate the Fourth of July on a gigantic scale having already raised \$5,000 in gold for the purpose. It seems that Americans are more patriotic when away from home. Perhaps it is because they then appreciate the home government as never before.

The New York court of appeals has decided that the state law forbidding the use of the American flag for advertising purposes is unconstitutional, but there ought to be patriotism enough in the land to exempt the national emblem from desecration without the medium of any prohibitive law.

There will be no bull fights in St. Louis during the World's Fair. Yesterday the authorities stopped the brutal sport, and the crowd demanded return of the admission money, which, being refused, a mob burned the amphitheater. It is hoped that this will forever end attempts at establishing the brutal bull fighting sport in the United States.

A New York financial journal states that the Jewish bankers are ready to advance \$100,000,000 to the Japanese war loan if called upon as an evidence of their personal interest in a war against a country that has made persecution of the Jews a specialty. Japan appears to be fighting the battle of most everyone in its struggle to put the Russian under foot.

According to recent investigations it appears probable that hypnotism can stop the action of a person's heart, and thus cause death. A. J. Fournier, a Frenchman, reports that he has increased and diminished the number of pulse beats with safety. It is said to be also proved that circulation is seriously affected, even if it is not quite certain that the heart can be silenced.

From a bulletin just issued it appears that 150,333 of the present federal employees fall under the civil service regulations. This leaves 85,000 postmasters and employees of small postoffices, 15,000 employees of the war department, 10,000 navy yard employees, and a few thousand in other parts of the service who have not been included in the list of appointments by competitive examination.

This is a red letter day in the history of the Methodist church in this city. The corner stone of a large church was laid this morning, and this afternoon the corner stone of a new church was laid in Barcelona, and the corner stone of a new library building at the Harvard Methodist school was laid. This church is making solid growth in this city and territory.

The United States coast and Geodetic survey is at work upon the coast line of the Philippine Islands, and it is believed that there is a mile of coast for every square mile of area in the entire group. The length of the coast is placed at about 11,000 miles, in advance of the complete figures, which will ultimately be recorded, and this greatly exceeds the length of all the coasts of the continental area of the United States. In this country there is about one mile of coast to every 555 square miles of area.

The city council of Cleveland, Ohio, has set a good example by enacting an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to use, sell or give away a toy pistol on the Fourth of July. Presumably the prohibition covers a period sufficiently long prior to the Fourth to prevent the purchase of those dangerous toys in connection with the celebration of the day.

The estimated revenues of the post office department for 1904 are \$144,100,000. The increase in the postal revenues has been astonishing. In 1874 they amounted to \$12,495,204.40. The department would now be much more than self-supporting were it not for the extraordinary development of the free rural delivery system.

Albuquerque will do everything possible to help El Paso make the national irrigation congress in that city next November a great success. A fine exhibit of the agricultural products of the Rio Grande valley will be made. El Paso has always helped this city in booming the territorial fair, and Albuquerque will gladly reciprocate with interest.

The territory of New Mexico on May 31 had a balance in the treasury of \$439,493.86. This shows careful management upon the part of Governor Otero and the republican administration, and also clearly shows that the people of this territory are capable of self-government.

Only a few days until the national republican convention and the vice-presidential nomination is unknown. President Roosevelt will be nominated by acclamation, and the only big fight in the Chicago convention will be over the nomination for vice president.

Governor Otero and a republican administration has reduced the debt of this territory \$350,000 since 1897. The interest expense has been reduced \$22,000. Governor Otero has placed the credit of New Mexico above par, and the people appreciate his good work.

Probably the most plausible reason for the superiority of American dentists is the perfection that comes with continual practice. No other people in the world—at least no other civilized people—take such good care of their teeth as the Americans.

The per cent of illiteracy in the following countries is as follows: Germany, 0.11; England, 5.8; United States, 10.7; Russia, 61.7. The report of the United States commissioners of education does not include Sweden.

Japanese women kill themselves to leave their sons free to go to the front; Russian wives throw themselves in front of trains to prevent their husbands from answering the call of duty—there is a sermon in that for the car.

South Africa, for March, reports a gold production of \$12,152,340, being an increase of \$718,500 over the month previous. The latter is attributed to improvement in the labor supply and a better saving at the mine.

The car is reported to be more distressed over the loss of guns than the loss of lives on the Lao Tung peninsula. Men can be replaced but guns cost money, and it is a long way from Krupp works to the Pacific ocean.

The United States supreme court decides that the Philippines are not entitled to trial by jury, although the fact that 90 per cent of them are illiterate makes them highly eligible for jury service.

For information about the manner of securing positions in connection with the work of opening the Panama canal write to the secretary of the Panama canal commission in Washington.

The Japanese are such intense admirers of everything American that it is possible they are holding back the final onslaught against Port Arthur as a Fourth of July demonstration.

The prolonged drought continues in New Mexico, while the Missouri river states are flooded. This territory will watch its rainy season on the afternoon of the Fourth of July.

Portraits of Thomas Jefferson on the newest two-cent stamps, show that great desecration of simplicity as a man who parted his hair in the middle.

The democratic vote for the presidential nomination now stands: For Parker, 172; for Hearst, 58; for Otney 32; for Wall, 26; uncommitted, 204.

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